

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Joseph M. Asher, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/798,115  
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Art Unit: 3714  
Confirmation No.: 5930  
Examiner: Sunit Pandya  
Title: *SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR HIGH-SPEED  
PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING USING A CLEARINGHOUSE*

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Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 4, 2008, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the comments set forth below.